

CHILDREN BETTER OFF WITHOUT TV

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The following is from the AFA Journal, August 1996. It is a letter from a family which decided to remove television from their home. The letter was addressed to Dr. John Rosemond (whose family psychology ministry we do not recommend).

"Before we eliminated television, we had noticed the kinds of problems you mentioned in your article: short attention spans, irritability, lack of cooperation, and chronic boredom. Today, nearly every one of our five children-who range in ages from six to 17-are straight-A students. Off TV, they quickly developed a variety of interests including sports, reading, art, computing, etc.

"I listen to my neighbors and associates bemoan their family problems, including their children's difficulties with attention deficit disorder, discipline, and underachievement in school. In their home, the television is on almost constantly and everyone's addicted to it, but my friends don't seem to get the connection. I'm sure glad we did."